

REMARKS

I. PENDING CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-28 will be pending in this application.

Applicant has amended claims 5, 10-12 and 17 to incorporate the features of claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants have added new dependent claims 19-28, which correspond to dependent claims 2-9. No new matter has been added. Moreover, no new issues are raised by this Amendment, since the Examiner has already considered the dependent claims, and if the independent claims are patentable over the cited art, the dependent claims are also patentable.

II. INDICATION OF ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication in paragraph 4 of the Office action that claims 5 and 10-17 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. While Applicants disagree with the maintained rejections, in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

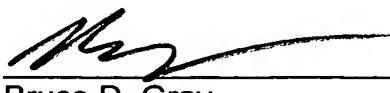
Applicant respectfully submits that, the claims are allowable, as previously indicated by the Examiner, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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